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**37 CFR § 1.116**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Laurence Hamid and Robert D. Hillhouse** Confirmation No.: **5986**  
Application No.: **09/653,804** Group Art Unit: **2131**  
Filing Date: **September 1, 2000** Examiner: **Kaveh Abrishamkar**  
For: **Flexible Method of Security Data Backup**

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In response to the Official Action dated **September 19, 2006**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page                      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.